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Comprehensive Examination, Second Semester 2022-2023

Course Number: CHEM F431 Course Title: Sustainable Chemistry using Renewables

Max. Marks: 75 Date: 18 May 2023, 09.30 am Duration: 150 min

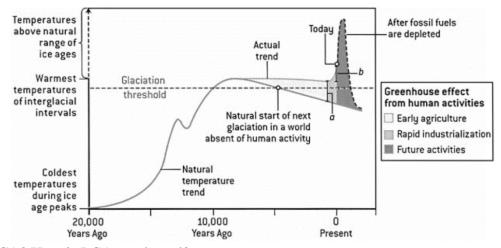
Part-B OPEN BOOK

Important Instructions

- There are FIVE questions printed in the question paper
- Answer all questions in the provided answer booklet only
- DO NOT use pencils for answering any part
- Start answering each question from a fresh page, all sub-sections together

Q.1.(a) Interpret the adjacent curve.

[3M]



(b) What is LCA? How is LCA conducted?

- [1+3=4M]
- (c) (i) What do you understand by the term 'nanomaterials' (ii) Mention the strategies for stabilization of nanomaterials (iii) Describe the different types of pyrolysis reactions? [1+2+5=8M]
- Q.2.(a) Describe the dry high temperature process of syngas cleaning after gasification

[3M]

(b) Describe in brief the terms HDO and DCO?

[**4M**]

(c) (i) How do the emulsifiers function? (ii) How are FAS formed?

- [**4M**]
- (d) (i) What is the compound dioctyl carbonate used for? Describe its synthesis and functions. (ii) Describe the synthesis of green diesel. [4M]
- Q.3.(a) Describe the sustainable process route to vanillin from glucose as starting material mentioning details of each step. [4M]
- (b) Catalytic alkoxylation of limonene using light alcohols yields chiral alkoxy products. Describe the reaction mentioning the origin of chirality

 [4M]
- (c)(i) Present logical remarks on the status of use of renewables in fine chemicals and pharnaceuticals sectors.
 - (ii) Write briefly about the product diversity starting from the opium alkaloid morphine. [4+3=7M]

- Q.4. (a)(i) What is the food security concern for the bioethanol production via biorefinery? (ii) Discuss in brief about the possibility of using non-food lignicellulosic biomass as second generation renewable feedstock for production of bioethanol. [2+4=6M]
- (b) (i) Discuss the current challenges and future directions for DEFC. (ii) What are the hurdles present in the area of ethanol conversion to gasoline? [4+3=7M]
- (c) State the assumptions for the kinetic modeling of etherification of glycerol

[2M]

- Q.5 (a) (i) In the etherification of glycerol with isobutene, how can the selectivity to the terbutylated glycerol be enhanced? (ii) Analyse the possibility of a direct glycerol fuel cell [2+4=6M]
- (b) Write a brief note about hydrogenolysis of glycerol

[5M]

(c) (i) Cite the visualized advantages for Sorption Enhanced Reforming (SER) and Sorption Enhanced WGS (SEWGS) (ii) Identify this reaction and mention the salient features of it. [2+2=4M]

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